

REMARKS

With this amendment, Applicants cancel claim 3. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

1. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner contends that claim 3 fails to further limit claim 1.

Applicants have canceled claim 3.

2. Double Patenting

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3-10 of co-pending Application No. 10/823,798 [“798 application”].

Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter in claim 2 and for indicating that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants hold rewriting claim 2 in abeyance until the subject matter of claim 1 is resolved.

4. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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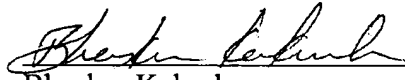
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